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April 15, 2020

The Honorable Daneya Esgar, Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
200 East 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Third Floor  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Esgar:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Medicaid payment reform and innovation pilot report the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) is required to submit on April 15, 2020, pursuant to section 25.5-5-415, C.R.S. As with last year's report, the Department had to allow for a longer period of claims run-out in order to be able to conduct the fee-for-service equivalent analysis and other performance measurements. With the emergence of the coronavirus 2019, the Department is using a contractor to prepare this year's report and will strive to submit the report on or before September 1, 2020.

We recognize the importance of health care payment reform in Colorado and want to ensure that the General Assembly receives a thorough report. Pulling accurate claims data, creating an equivalent comparison analysis, and incorporating the financial and performance findings into the report have pushed us past the deadline set in statute.

If you require further information or have additional questions, please contact the Department's Legislative Liaison, Nina Schwartz at [Nina.Schwartz@state.co.us](mailto:Nina.Schwartz@state.co.us) or 303-866-6912.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KB' followed by a stylized surname.

Kim Bimestefer  
Executive Director

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Cc: Senator Dominick Moreno, Vice-chair, Joint Budget Committee  
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